



St Mary's Bungendore
 St Joseph's Gundaroo
 St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown
 St Joseph's Tarago
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The Nativity of the LORD—Christmas

25th December, 2022

BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM

Fr Mick Burke is the Administrator of Bungendore and Braidwood. Fr Mick is residing in the Bungendore presbytery.

Baptisms: Baptisms will be on Saturdays at 10:30 am. Please email or ring the parish office to arrange a baptism.

Weddings: Please contact Parish office; at least six months notice required.

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Secretary- Julie-Ann

Office Open: - Wednesday - 10:30am - 5:00pm

Thursday—9:00am—3:30pm

BUNGENDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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BUNGENDORE, BRAIDWOOD and REGION MASS TIMES

Bungendore : Sunday 8.30am; **Weekday Mass:** Wednesday 9am **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 9-9.30am

Braidwood: Saturday 6.00pm **Weekday Mass:** Tuesday 10.00am **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 5-5.15pm

Hoskinstown: Four times a year—1st Sunday Feb, May, Aug & Nov 10:30am

Gundaroo: 2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30am

Tarago: TBA

Krawarree: 5th Sunday 11.00am

Third Sundays will be shared between extra Masses at either Braidwood or Bungendore for First Communion / Confirmation or Mass at either Araluen or Nerriga.

Our Advent Wreath

This week it is the Christ Candle which is **WHITE**. It reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth!



The Parish of St Mary's, Bungendore acknowledges the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for many thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Entrance Antiphon

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great
counsel.

First reading

Is 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.
Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) *All the ends of the earth have seen the saving
power of God.*

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**

Second reading

Heb 1:1-6

At various times in the past and in various different
ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the
prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has
spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has
appointed to inherit everything and through whom he
made everything there is. He is the radiant light of
God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature,
sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and
now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he
has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand
of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels
as the title which he has inherited is higher than their
own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son,
today I have become your father, or: I will be a father
to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the
First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of
God worship him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come you nations and adore the Lord.
Today a great light has come upon the earth.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word:
the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.

He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness, He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me
ranks before me
because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –
yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

Communion Antiphon

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our
God.



Please pray for:- Lauren Horton, Frank Shugg, Margaret Mikkelsen, Erwin Feeken, Maureen Boss, Sheather family, Doris and Roger Cutbill, Diana Robertson, Luke Alam, Bob Angel, Patrick Elwood, Peter Gagliardi, Annie Nikolaou, Jack Sealey, Magdalen Sillis, Stewart Briggs, Ed Cory, Cassandra Mallia, Russell Taylor, Bob Yates, Ann Reardon, Mary Coombe, Wayne Smith, Karen Toscan, Pam Finch & Bob Fletcher.

Recently Deceased: Christine Harrison

Anniversaries:- Dulcie Maud Edmonds, Robert James (Bob) Daniel, Colin Thomas Booth, John Partridge, Ada Sparrow, William Gallagher, Clifford Ahern & Mary Ahearn.

Church Cleaning Thanks!

December—

Tess Montesin & Rene Mallia

January—

Catherine Mueller



Plaques for Memorial Wall

We are now taking orders for
plaques for the memorial wall.

Please contact the office for more details.

The above format will be the one used.



Liturgical Roster

Sunday : 25th December 2022 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: John Windsor

R1; R2: Geoff Orchison & Peter Hugonnet

Offertory: Renate Marz

Welcomer:

Sunday : 1st January 2023 8:30 am

Minister of the Altar: Anna Melek

R1; R2: Sue & Geoff Orchison

Offertory: Catherine Mueller

Welcomer:

News from the Archdiocese and beyond

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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday Mass & Cuppa - 9am Mass then join us as we share afterward at local café.

Fridays @ St Mary's—9am PRAY FOR PEACE Rosary & Reflection

A Message from Father Mick Burke

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

Christmas is a time for those of faith to be still and hear God speak to us of His love. His divine plan to share His life with us by being born as one, like us in all things but sin, is truly amazing. The SAVIOUR for those who open their hearts in humility and welcome the divine into our human condition. May the extraordinary blessings of the Christ Child be experienced by all people and extend to family life and the world.

When I first arrived in this region I had no idea of the distances I would need to travel. Without Brother Brian Berg caring pastorally for the Braidwood parish the task would be impossible. As he plans for a well-deserved retirement next year, it is important we pray for a suitable replacement. We should be extremely grateful for our two hard working secretaries, Julie-Ann (Bungendore) and Helen (Braidwood) as they are more often than not the first port of call for parishioners and are wonderful in their care for others. Also to those who take special care of the churches in the region; Krawarree (Mandy & James), Nerriga (Rex & Josette), Araluen (Clem & Ben), Hoskinstown (Barbara & Leigh), Gundaroo (Narelle & Di), many thanks and blessing this Christmas. Our communities are grateful to those who care for the grounds at all these places but a special thanks to the teams in Braidwood (Gary, Phil, Michael & Felix) and Bungendore (Tess & Nives) There are many people who contribute of their time and talents for the running of parishes and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Our Parish and Finance Councils led by Greg, Terry, Cathy & Helen have achieved extraordinary advances as we plan for the future benefit of all parishioners. I am acutely aware that a few people resent some changes and look forward to my retirement or death, whichever comes first, but I constantly seek direction from the Holy Spirit and as a sinful person seek to live in and be guided by God's will. Although sometimes tough and lonely it is always a privilege to serve our loving Lord and Christ's faithful. May everyone have a very happy Christmas.

God is with us, EMMANUEL,

Mick Burke